

9/14/2017 Switch This!

Another year, another semester... another chance to fight over the good chair. Well, maybe not. However, I DO wonder how often we will have to make on-air calls to embarrass people again.

But no, that old itch at the back of my skull I brought up last February... that splinter in your mind... and delve back into the red pill/blue pill world while falling down the rabbit hole with another installment of 'Switch This'.

So... lets talk about some Walls.

Yes folks, I'm going there. If you've heard at least **one** of my rants, then you already knew that I would.

The first wall, however needs to be the walls of water that completely **smashed** Texas, Florida, the Caribbean. I've visited those places... I've lived those places... and considering this is OHIO, I'd be willing to bet that most everyone out here know *someone* (maybe a person or two removed) who was impacted directly by the catastrophes out there. So, it goes without saying... if you can do something... please... do it. Just be smart about what you do.

HOWEVER, we've already seen people being DUMB about it. Thank your own personal definition of the Divine that we're not on Katrina version 2.0, but the airlines jacking up prices between ONE AND TWO THOUSAND to get U.S. citizens out of the Caribbean?

Yes. One to two thousand dollars per person.

This is why we have price gouging laws, people.

The U.S. Military finally had to step in and freight people out of the areas after enough calls went to our various politicians and aid centers. Good on them. Thank you. The airlines? Here's the bird. Happy flying.

How about another wall? Charlottesville.

Captain America punched Nazis. That's kind of on the level of Baseball and Apple Pie. The whole freaking world got together to say "this is bad" and spilled blood on foreign soil because it was THAT BAD.

This dog whistle B. S. just makes my skin crawl.

Sure, I'm for the First Amendment as the next guy... hell even more so since I exercise it weekly, even though I can guarantee that everyone here is NOT going to 100% agree with me here. BUT

THAT'S THE POINT. We can agree to disagree. However, I am willing to accept the responsibility of USING MY RIGHTS – because there is PROTECTED **AND UNPROTECTED** speech.

Even those who go through training for peaceful lawful protest are advised that there is a good chance that ***they might be arrested***. It's part of the process, and a risk that these people choose to take.

Some protester pulling out a gun, yelling racial slurs, and then *discharging a firearm in the direction of a crowd*? If you think that's protected, then you've got another think coming. However, I doubt anyone with the mental maturity to listen in and follow along with what I'm saying here will just roll their eyes and mutter something about "there are stupid people out there" ... and you'd find me in agreement.

And the third wall penning us into this little stage we have in life, DACA.

Let me be blunt: Dumping DACA to MAGA is CACA! Hashtag Whiskey Tango Foxtrot.

Feel free to quote me on that.

So let's see... you've got just under a million people who voluntarily gave ALL THEIR INFO to the federal government to be productive members of society, were vetted by law enforcement and the government, and have a limited duration permit to live freely in our country for two years... and then they have to go and renew that permit again and again and again.

What does that permit do? It lets you legally work (ahem: pay taxes) or even be a member of the US Armed Forces... these are our fellow student, our brothers and sisters in arms (for those of us in or prior service military), Soccer moms, Football Fathers, Firemen, EMT's... AKA: People.

Oh, and should we mention that their children are US CITIZENS?

So, these self-identified people who gave the feds ALL THEIR INFORMATION are being told that they should be willing to SELF-DEPORT themselves in the upcoming months? So, are we exiling their children? Are we exiling US CITIZENS at the same time? Sure, those children, those citizens, could stay... but at what cost? Foster homes? Hiding with undocumented immigrants until ICE comes knocking and we're back to figuring out what to do with these citizens yet again?

Let's think this thing through people. We don't go around sewing scarlet letters onto our clothes anymore, we're not branding people with the Star of David... but ICE has a list of each and everyone of these people who entered into a contract with the US Government to be a productive member of society... and that list is now weaponized.

Shame. On. Us.

So, the fourth wall? It's definitely not the Berlin Wall. We actually ***celebrated that one COMING DOWN***. It's the one that is definitely not going to be paid for by Mexico. We know this. They know this. Those untold countless people in the mob-mentality-masses gathered at those vitriolic rallies? Apparently, they didn't get the memo. Or they got it and wanted to ignore it.

Now we're having samples built and demo'd like we're headed in to go buy new carpet...

So, let's put these walls together and make that castle in the sand. There's a thing called a bottom line. Like it or not, we've got to pay for any or all of this one way or another. The total costs for Harvey and Irma are mere speculative right now... but with the first aid packages approved to just get the recovery engine idling counts in the BILLIONS. Using Katrina as a comparison, we're talking about astronomical values of damage and rebuilding required...

So, we want to kick out almost a million taxpayers. We want to polarize racial tensions to the goddamn breaking point, yet we can't muster up the courage to say Hate Groups are bad. We want to shovel money into the ICE/Border control process, but we are left wondering each month whether or not the check will be cut from the government to the Affordable Care Act? We want to say everything's hunkey-dorey... but every year or so we have to make sure the lights stay on in Washington DC because we have forgotten how to make a budget. We want tax reform, but somehow forget that the definition of tax reform is not "a tax cut for the rich".

And on top of all of this, we want to Build a Wall. If you ask me? This wall building is more like Burning Bridges and Burning Money.

If they want to burn money that badly, why not pump some of that into healthcare, student loan debts, infrastructure, or keeping some snake from randomly jumping a medicine's cost from affordable to a new Maserati every quarterly profit report.

That and when half of the coast is underwater some years from now... someone will have to ask...

"Why didn't we put a wall there?"